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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has urged the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations to join hands for the betterment of agriculture and farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of other issues discussed and the resolutions adopted in the meeting of SAARC Agriculture Ministers held recently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. It was mentioned that "let us once pledge again to work together in a cooperative manner to help each other for strengthening farming, farmers and food, nutritional, livelihood and environmental security in the region."

(c) Matters related to multi-stakeholders dialogues on Management of soil/land towards sustainable agriculture in South Asia, and Pulses research and development in SAARC region: Challenges and way forward, progress made on the Second Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the SAARC Agriculture Ministers (New Delhi, 05 November 2008), Technical Committee on Agriculture & Rural Development, SAARC Agriculture Centre, Seed Bank, SAARC Food Bank, Technical cooperation in agricultural research and extension, identification of regional and sub-regional projects and cooperation with international organizations such as FAO, ADB, OIE, IFAD etc. were discussed. SAARC Agriculture Ministers meeting adopted the 12 point resolution as the Dhaka Statement on Agriculture and Rural Development. A copy of the Dhaka Statement on Agriculture and Rural Development is given at Annexure.
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